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OF THE

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FOR THE

Year Ending March 1st, 1888.

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ANNOUNCEMENT!

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The book comprises 110 pages, and contains the address of the Hon. Bainbridge Wadleigh of Boston, and the address of John Q. A. Brackett, Lieutenant-governor of Massachusetts, and a Centennial Poem by Mrs. Annette M. R. Cressy of Concord, N. H., either of which is richly worth the price of the book. It also contains much valuable information relative to the settlement and early history of the town, as well as many pleasing reminiscences of "ye olden time."

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1887.

	No.	Value.
Real Estate		$300,702.00
Polls	266	26,600.00
Horses	212	15,368.00
Oxen	130	7,114.00
Cows	353	10,036.00
Other Neat Stock	545	7,164.00
Sheep	876	2,474.00
Hogs	32	188.00
Carriages	20	1,150.00
Stock in Public Funds		10,300.00
Stock in Banks		12,500.00
Cash on hand and at interest		49,074.00
Stock in Railroads in this state		9,800.00
Stock in Trade		19,710.00
Mills and Machinery		5,550.00
Total		$ 477,730.00

TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST THE TOWN.

State Tax	$1,004.00
County Tax	955.00
Town Tax	3,000.00
Centennial Tax	200.00
Highway Tax paid in labor	1,092.92
School Tax	922.42
Amount of Dog Tax	100.00
Total	$7,274.34

CASH RECEIVED BY SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen charge themselves with the following sums:

Cash in hands of treasurer March 1st, 1887....	$1,175 65
Taxes committed to Fred C. Brockway, Colletor,	6,516.59
Cash received of Merrimack Co. support of paupers,	553.10
Cash received of State, Railroad Tax.....	329.67
" " " Savings Bank Tax.....	1,154.34
" " " Literary Lund.....	128.02
" " of Enfield support of Henry Flanders,	23.15
" " of estate of Chas. Ripley, use of hall,	8.60
" " of John L. Barnes for hay, potatoes, and corn fodder on place of B. B. Barnes,	34.00
" received of J. C. Bailey for seven lots sold in Cemetery, and use of hearse.....	77.00
Cash rec'ed of Fred C. Brockway, tax book 1886,	160.98
" " of F. C. Brockway, Int. on taxes "	4.00
Highway tax of 1886 not paid in labor.....	8.12
Received of F. C. Brockway Int. taxes of 1887,	15.25
" of C. B. Osgood, rent of town hall,	25.07
Total.....	$10,213.54

In the above items of taxes committed to collector, ($6,524.71) $261.44 appears as an assett due the town as uncollected taxes deduct the same ($261.44) from the above amount, leaves a balance of $9,952.10.

The Selectmen credit themselves with the following sums:—

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

Paid State Tax.....	$1,004,00
" County Tax.....	955.00
" H. K. Martin, auditing accounts.....	1.50
" Wm. A. Carr, " "	1.50
" Geo. W. Tucker, wood for town hall,	6.24
" Geo. Hemphill, shoveling snow from town house,	1.00
" B. Wiggin, sawing wood for town hall,.....	1.85
" A. P. Howe & Son, printing reports & posters,	30.40
" Joseph K. Lund, Insurance on town house,	11.00
" Ziba Woods for use of horse.....	1.00
" Edson C. Eastman for record books & blanks,	10.58
" Justin L. Piper, cash paid out.....	4.50

Paid	James E. Shepard, damage to carriage.....	40.00
"	C. F. Davis, part of Centennial money.....	50.00
"	Daniel P. Woodward, care of Henry Follansbee,	9.00
"	J B Raynes medical attendance, " "	14.15
"	C. F. Davis, balance of centennial money,	150.00
"	E. P. Ring, lathing & plastering town hall,	4.50
"	C. B. Osgood, repairing carriage of Dr Richards,	4.18
"	C. B. Osgood, repairs on town hall.....	.50
"	Benj. Wiggin, sawing & putting wood in hall,	1.50
"	John E. French wood for town hall.....	4.50
"	J. B. Raynes, records of births & deaths,....	.75
"	E. C. Eastman, blank books &c.....	5.58
"	O. D. Cram, damage done to sheep by dogs..	3.00
"	Oliver Peaslee, " " " "	12.00
"	W. F. Wallace, record of births & deaths....	.75
"	John W. Sawtell, shoveling snow from hall	1.00
"	Wm. Trow, damage to wagon and harness,	2.00
"	Geo. W. Eaton, damage to sheep by dogs,	3.00
"	J. C. Bailey, use of watering tub.....	3.00
"	C. M. Newman, use of watering tub.....	2.00
"	Dr. G. N. Gage, record of deaths.....	.25
"	G. M. Cressy, damage to sheep by dogs....	5.00
"	Alberton Peaslee, over-tax.....	12.19
"	Dr. P. B. Richards, record of deaths.....	1.00
"	D. G. Peaslee, use of watering tub.....	2.00
"	F. C. Brockway, postage & stationery.....	7.25
"	John E. French, 2 trips to Concord & expenses,	3.95
"	" " postage, expenses, nails, &c.	3.16
"	Edwin Nichols, damage done to sheep by dogs,	8.00
"	Town Board of Education for services.....	60.00
"	Justin L. Piper, cash paid out.....	5.00
	Total.....	$2,447.78

BREAKING ROADS.

"	James W. Hoyt.....	$5.00
"	Edwin C. Messer.....	13.83
"	Jackson Dowlin.....	14.50

Paid	Prescott Colby	$17.61
"	Uriah Colby	25.50
"	A. S. Cressy	9.88
"	A. F. Smith	34.34
"	John O. Nichols	26.67
"	Fred O. Howlett	16.00
"	Fred C. Brockway	61.75
"	Willis N. Bly	15.18
"	S. G. Stevens	22.27
"	Carlos Abbott	13.42
"	S. K. Hall	10.35
"	R. E. Harvey	27.19
"	J. H. McDonnell	43.81
"	O. D. Cram	16.77
"	L. P. Jameson	1.75
"	Wm. D. Sawyer	9.02
"	N. R. Forsaith	2.46
"	D. G. Peaslee	31.18
"	E. H. Eaton	17.84
"	G. M. Eaton	29.55
"	Alden W. Roe	11.07
	Total	$476.94

REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES

Paid	Henry McCoy, labor on road	$1.50
"	Edwin Nichols, " "	14.00
"	Prescott Colby	10.90
"	Parker B. Craige	12.45
"	Wm. S. Grant, lumber for bridges	29.73
"	Sharon Jameson, plank	1.50
"	Geo. W. Hoyt	12.00
"	Wm. B. Fifield, bridge stringers	3.00
"	Rand & Cheney, bridge timber and plank	61.51
"	Mason Holmes, labor & materials for bridge	44.04
"	Parker B. Craige, labor on road	10.20
"	Tucker & French, timber and plank	13.03
"	John E. French, powder, fuse, &c. furnished,	3.06
"	C. B. Wyman, labor on roads	7.47

Paid G. W. Hoyt, labor on roads	$16.55	
" D. Moody Morse, material & labor on bridge,	5.12	
" Edwin Nichols	15.00	
" Willis N. Bly, repairing bridges	4.88	
" W. D. Thompson, iron for railing	3.57	
" O. D. Cram, labor and materials	3.86	
" Rand & Cheney, plank and timber	22.81	
" Tucker & French, plank & stringers	12.57	
" John E. French, labor & materials on bridge near Rand & Cheney's mill	21.05	
" Eathan Piper, labor on road	1.25	
" A. B. Blood, labor on bridge	2.50	
" John E. French, labor & material on road	2.71	
Total		$336.26

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

Cash paid Board of Education, Town Dist. No. 2, and Prudential committee of Union Dist. No. 1.

UNION DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid Ira K. Eaton	$544.64	

TOWN DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid George B. Andrews	$245.50	
" Charles F. Davis	198.22	
" D. G. Peaslee	131.66	
Total		$1,120.02

EXPENSES OF COUNTY POOR.

Mary Harrop	$9.00	
Caroline Jameson	9.00	
John Withington	36.09	
Harrison Sargent	9.75	
Nancy D. Hoyt	89.25	
Daniel P. Woodward	134.84	
Dolly Dudley	132.00	
M. B. V. Davis	121.17	
Transient Paupers	12.00	
Total		$553.10

EXPENSES OF TOWN POOR.

James J. Hoyt	$33.00	
Silas E. Foster	112.60	
John Colby	43.11	
B. B. Barnes	119.03	
Peter C. Gregg	20.39	
Total		$328.13

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid John E. French, Services as Selectman	$59.94	
" D. Moody Morse, " "	35.25	
" Justin L. Piper, " "	33.00	
" Geo. W. Tucker, services as Treasurer,	40.00	
" C. H. Morrill, " as Town Clerk,	35.00	
" Fred C. Brockway, " Collector	50.00	
" Wm. G. Hoyt " Supervisor,	8.00	
" C. H. Ripley, " "	8.00	
" G. A. Cilley, " "	8.00	
Total		$277.19

ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS.

Abatements on F. C. Brockway's book of 1886,	$3.63	
" " " " 1887,	7.76	
Discounts on taxes paid before Nov. 1st, 1887,	69.45	
Total		$80.84

REPORT OF TOWN HALL.

For the year beginning March 1st, 1887, and ending Feb. 27, 1888.

Paid B. Wiggin, sawing and getting in wood	$1.85	
" John E. French for wood	4.50	
" B. Wiggin, sawing and putting in wood	1.50	
" C. B. Osgood for oil, broom, chimney & wicks,	3.93	
Total		$11.78

RECEIPTS.

Received of the estate of C. H. Ripley	$8.60	
" of C. B. Osgood	29.00	
Total		$37.60
Deduct expenses		11.78
Balance in favor of the hall		$25.82

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Miscellaneous orders	$2,447.78	
" Breaking roads	476.94	
" Repairs on roads & bridges	336.26	
" Expenses of schools	1,120.02	
" Support of county poor	553.10	
" Support of town poor	328.13	
" Town officers' bills	277.19	
" Abatements & discounts	80.84	
" Coupons	472.00	
" Bonds redeemed	3,000.00	
Interest accured on bonds	79.88	
Cash in hands of treasurer March 1st, 1888	773.15	
Highway receipts for 1887	10.44	
Total		$9,955.73
Deduct collector made on celectmen's book of 1886 not charged to selectmen, of		3.63
Leaves a balance of		$9,952.10

Which balances the selectmen's accounts.

LIABILITIES MARCH 1st, 1888.

Amount of bonded debt	$9,200.00	
Interest on same to March 1st, 1888	306.66	
Due town Newbury for school property, in Union Dist. No. 12	100.00	
Total		$9,606.69

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer March 1st, 1888.....	$773.15	
Taxes uncollected on Fred C. Brockway's book,	261.44	
Due from Carlos Abbott on Walden Ward farm, secured by mortgage.....	472.09	
Total.....		$1,506.68

Indebtedness of the town March 1st, 1888.....		$8,099.98
Indebtedness of the town March 1st, 1887....	$10,921.04	
Deduct indebtedness March 1st, 1888.....	8,099.98	
Reduction of town debt the past year.....		$2,821.06

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN E. FRENCH,
D. MOODY MORSE,
JUSTIN L. PIPER,
} Selectmen of Bradford.

Your Auditors having examined the books of the Selectmen, have found them correctly and neatly kept, and the vouchers, figures, and footings correct.

Feb.. 28, 1888.

G. A. CILLEY,
H. C. FELCH,
} Auditors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

G. W. Tucker, Treasurer		Dr.
To Cash on hand March 1st, 1887	$1,175.65	
Received of town of Enfield	23.15	
" for support of county paupers	553.10	
" Railroad Tax	329.67	
" Savings Bank Tax	1,154.34	
" Literary Fund	128.02	
" Rent of Town Hall	33.67	
" for produce sold from B. B. Barnes' farm	34.00	
" for use of hearse	2.00	
" for seven lots in cemetery	75.00	
" of F. C. Brockway, taxes & int. book 1886,	164.65	
" " " Int. on taxes of 1887	15.25	
" " " Taxes of 1887,	6,186.39	
Total		$9,874.89

DISBURSEMENTS.

		Cr.
Paid Selectmen's orders	$3,580.42	
" State tax	1,004.00	
" County tax	955.00	
" Bonds redeemed	3,000.00	
" Coupons	472.00	
" Interest on bonds	79.88	
" Non-resident highway receipts	10.44	
Cash on hand March 1st, 1888	773.15	
Total		$9,874.89

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. TUCKER, Treasurer.

Your Auditors have examined the books of the Town Treasurer, and the vouchers belonging thereto; they find the books well and correctly kept, and the footings right.

G. A. CILLEY, }
H. C. FELCH, } Auditors.

Bradford, Feb. 28, 1888.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen: In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June session, 1887, requiring Clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages, and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Reports, I hereby submit the following:

Marriages registered in the town of Bradford, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

Date. 1887.	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.
Feb. 8	Dunbarton, N. H.....	Everett Kittredge.....	Bradford, N. H.....	36	White	Salesman.....
		Elisabeth C. Page.....	Dunbarton. N. H.....	33	"	Housework.
Mar. 1	Washington, N. H.....	Orlando T. Bagley....	Bradford, N. H.....	40	"	Farmer.....
		Minnie D. Bingham.	Newbury, "	23	"	Housework.
Apr. 2	Contoocookvill.....	Frank Peaslee.....	Bradford, N. H.....	29	"	Farmer.....
		Nellie Coburn.....	Contoocook, N. H.....	25	"	Housework.
May 5	Bradford, N. H.....	Elisha H. Eaton.....	.....	70	"	Farmer.....
		Mary E. Smyth.....	.....	49	"	Housework.
May 10	Washington, N. H.....	Edmond P. Ring.....	Bradford, N. H.....	37	"	Farmer.....
		Mary J. Smart.....	Warner, "	17	"	Housework.
Sept. 18	Concord, " ".....	Cyrus E. *H*adley.....	Bradford, "	24	"	Merchant....
		Sara Redington.....	Warner, "	30	"	Teacher.....
Nov. 24	Bradford, " ".....	George A. Sargent....	Bradford, "	28	"	Farmer.....
		Dora E. Woodbury..	Washington "	22	"	*H*ousework.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

CHARLES H. MORRILL, Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Marriages registered in the town of Bradford, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

Place of Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Single or widowed marriage 1st 2nd &c.	Name, Residence and Official Standing of person by whom married.
Bradford	John Kittridge	Bradford	Farmer	2nd	Rev.
	Mary Marshall	"	Housework.		Edward M. Parker
"	Bard P. Page	"	Farmer	1st	Concord, N. H.
	Louisa Cressy	"	Housework.		
Warner, N. H.	David D. Bagley	"	Farmer	1st	Rev.
	M. Hart	Warner, N. H.	Housework.	1st	Levi M. Powers,
Newbury, "					Washington,
					N. H.
Bradford, N. H.	Jona. Peaslee	Newbury, N. H.	Farmer	1st	Robert T. Walcott
	Abbie Putney	Washington, N.H.	Housework.	1st	Justice of the peace
" "					Contoocook,
					N. H.
" "	Elisha Eaton	Bradford, N. H.	Farmer	2nd	Joshua Eaton,
	Elize Jackman		Housework.	2nd	Justice of the peace,
Groton, "	Abel Tandy	Groton	Farmer		Bradford, N. H.
	Sarah Wood		Housework.		
Bradford, "	Obediah E. Ring.	Deering, N. H.	Mason	2nd	Rev.
	Colby.	Henniker, "	Housework.	1st	Levi M. Powers,
Warner "	George Smart	Concord, "	Farmer		Washington,
	Ordway.	Webster. "	Housework.		N. H.
Bradford.	Ezekiel *H*adley	Springfield	Blacksmith.	1st	Rev. J. R. Ewer
	Sophrona A. *Hoyt*.	*H*illsborough			Concord, N. *H.*
Sutton	Oliver P. Redington	Warner	*M*anufacturer	1st	
	Betsy *H. M*organ	"			
Bradford	Albert Sargent	Bradford	Farmer	1st	Charles F. Davis.
	Eunice Jones	Warner	*H*ousework.		Bradford, N. *H.*
"	Charles Woodbury.		Farmer	1st	Justice of Peace.
	Prudence Crane	Washington	*H*ousework.		

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CHARLES H. MORRILL, Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births registered in the town of Bradford, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

Date. 1887.	Name of Child if any.	SEX AND CONDITION. Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
Aug. 18	.....Cilley	Female	Living	1st.	White	George A. Cilley.....	Hattie A. Cheney..
Nov. 18	Gracie B. Sargent..	"	"		"	Willis H. Sargent.....	Mattie B. Palmer..
Nov. 20	Lambert Lamberton	Male....	"	3d	"	David H. Lamberton	Florence Davis.....
Nov. 28	Arthur Peaslee.....	"	"		"	George Peaslee.....	Anstena Wagner..

Color.	Residents of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
White	Bradford, N. H.	Merchant.....	Bradford, N. H.....	Sutton, N. H.....
"	"	R. R. section hand	"	Warner N. H. .....
"	North Conway N. H.	Teacher	Cornish N. H.	Cambridgeport Mass
"	Bradford N. H.	Brakeman	Bradford N. H.	Germany .....

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CHARLES H. MORRILL, Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISITICS.

Deaths registered in the town of Bradford, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

Date of Death. 1887.	Place of Death.	Name of Deceased.	AGE. Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Occupation.
Feb. 11	Bradford, N. H.	Perley B. Bly	....	8	14	Bradford, N. H.	Male	W.	Single	Farmer
Mar. 6	"	Carrie A. Hoyt	13	4	7	"	Female	"	"	
Apr. 4	"	Dexter D. Butman	49	10	10	"	Male	"	Married	
Apr. 9	"	Amaziah Hall	79	9	28	"	"	"	"	Farmer
Apr. 13	"	Angie W. Choate.	26	....	3	Warner, N. H.	Female	"	Single	Housework
Apr. 23	"	Charles C. Tappan	58	4	17	Bradford, N. H.	Male	"	Married	Postal Clerk
Apr. 2	"	Lizzie Palmer	76	....	....	Warner, N. H.	Female	"	Single	Housework
May 2	"	Emily E. Davis	34	8	26	Bradford, N. H.	"	"	Married	"
May 8	"	Austin N. Tandy	46	9	28	Goshen, N. H.	Male	"	Single	Farmer

PLACE OF BIRTH. Father.	Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.	Occupation of Father.
		W. N. Bly	H. E. Page	Spinal disease	Farmer
		Benjamin F. Hoyt.	Alziade Eaton	Consumption	"
		Paul L. Butman	Mary Kenny	Stomach Stricture	"
		Oliver Hall			
Hopkinton	Warner	Wm. P. Choate	Martha Bailey	Consumption	Stone Cutter
E. Kingston	Claremont	Weare Tappan	Lucinda Atkins	Heart Disease	Lawyer
Warner	"	John P. Palmer	Phebe Wells	Old Age	Farmer
Bradford	Bradford	Timothy K. West	Polly W. Wright	Congestion of the brain	"
Goshen	Stoddard	Samuel Tandy	S. H. Woods	Measles & Pneumonia.	Shoemaker

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CHARLES H. MORRILL, Town Clerk.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Deaths registered in the town of Bradford, N. H. for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

Date of Death. 1887.	Place of Death.	Name of Deceased.	AGE. Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Occupation.
July 1st	Bradford N. H.	Mary Emma Lewis	12	—	24	Bradford	Female	W.	Single	School-girl.
July 8th	" "	Asa Sargent	78	....		"	Male	"	*M*arried	Farmer
Aug. 23d	" "	*M*artha E. Bates	63	4	5	Amherst, N. H.	Female	"	"	Housework
Aug 17th	" "	Daniel Carr	86		15	Newbury, *M*ass.	Male—	"	"	Merchant
Sept. 7th	" "	Jane Bumford	92	4	8	Notingham NH	Female	"	Widow	Housework
Sept. 25th	" "	David M. Morse	79	4	19	Bradford, "	Male	"	*M*arried	Farmer
Oct. 15th	" "	Emma B. Felch	16	11	27	Bradford "	Female	"	Single	School-girl
Oct. 30th	" "	Relief L. Trow.—	65			Andover "	Female	"	*M*arried	Housework
Nov. 23d	" "	Charles H. Ripley	45	4	28	..... "	*M*ale—	"	"	Sectionforeman
Dec. 1st	" "	Benj. E. Wadleigh	82	2		Sutton... "	"	"	"	Manufacturer
Dec. 25th	" "	Betsey J. Sargent	76	9	2	*H*enniker "	Female	"	Widow	Housework

PLACE OF BIRTH. Father.	Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.	Occupation of Father.
Newbury, N. H.	Milton, *M*ass.	Evans H. Lewis	Georgie A. Marden.	Consumption	Wheelwright
.....	.....	.....	.....	Paralysis	Carpenter
Amherst	Amherst	Amos Elliott	Margaret Wiley	Uterine cancer	"
Newbury, *M*ass.	Newbury, *M*ass.	*M*oses Carr	Abigail Noyes	Dysentery	Merchant
Nottingham N.H.	Nottingham-	Jona. Patten	Jane Patten	Old age	Farmer
Newbury, *M*ass.	Newbury, Mass.	Joseph Morse	Judith Short	Apoplexy	"
Bradford, N. H.	Stanstead, N. H.	Hosea C. Felch	H. H. White	Heart trouble	"
Andover "	Grafton, "	Joseph Cilley	Susan Springer	Consumption	"
.....	.....	Wm. Ripley	Eliza Greeley	Rheumatism of heart	
Hampstead	Atkinson	Moses Wadleigh	Elisabeth Dow	Softening of brain	"
Henniker	Deering	Moses Hoyt	H. C. Rolfe	Cancer of stomach	"

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

CHARLES H. MORRILL, Town Clerk.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Board herewith present to the town the general and statistical report of all the schools for the year ending March 1, 1888.

The whole number of scholars according to the report of teachers attending schools in the town was 183. That is to say, exclusive of duplicate enrollments, there were registered 87 Boys, and 97, Girls, and included 3 under six years of age, 30 over sixteen years of age, and 150 between the ages of six and sixteen years, making a total number of different scholars registered 183.

Our schools have prospered as well as can be expected under the circumstances attending measles in epidemic form, both in the spring and winter terms and seriously affected the progress of three of them.

We have been very fortunate in the selections of teachers, they have all done their best for the scholars, but it was impossible for the scholars in the town district to learn what they ought to learn, in a school year of only fifteen weeks.

It is the duty of parents to give the teachers of their children every reasonable support and take interest in their practical education. They should teach them obedience at home and they will not forget their home instruction and will thus learn the first duty of a soldier and scholar, which is to obey.

The requirements of law demand that teachers should posess a good moral character in addition to all other qualifications and this requirement is the most important; it stands first.

Most of the children attending our schools were young and their minds are to a greater or less extent moulded by their instructors; these teachers, for a certain portion of the year take the place of the parents and the responsibility they assume is of no uncertain character; it is for the development of the intelectual faculties of the young "the future men and women of the town" and state, too. What greater work or nobler effort can you assign them?

Next to good teachers, we need comfortable school-houses suitable for the work. It is proper to state here, that repairs are necessary the coming year and should not be neglected.

Some of the houses are unfit for a winter school. We are required by law to make suggestions relative to our schools and we believe that something additional to the sums required by law should be raised for school purposes. We need a uniformity of text books and books for reference and we urge the citizens of the town to consider the facts that the schools of N. H. are working under the town system which is similar to that of Massachusetts. and also the fact that our late townsman "Hon. Mason W. Tappan, the last year of his life had charged his views on the question and said he hoped the town system would prevail and districts under special acts would throw up their charters and come in under the General Law, believing that a more successful educational system would thus be established,

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

CENTER SCHOOL.

2nd term:— Myron C. Smith, Mary B. Dow, Laura E. Hoyt, Abbie N. Hoyt.

WEST SCHOOL

1st term. Bertie L. L. Nichols, Plummer D. Chase, Charlie H. Chase George W. Gautier, Mary A. Chase, Emily R. Moon, Susie M. Moon.

MASSASSECUM SCHOOL.

1st term. Sadie W. Davis, Fred J. Douglass, Homer C. Douglass, Mabel P. Cheney.

2nd term. Mabel P. Cheney, Fred A. Colby, Fred J. Douglass, Homer C. Douglass.

PLAIN SCHOOL.

1st term. Ralph E. Messer. 2nd term. Mortimer K. Ward.

ANDREWS SCHOOL.

1st term. Charles P. Craig, Clinton D. Craig, Ella T. Purington. 2nd term. Etta N. Ring.

SPRING SCHOOL.

1st term. Mary A. Chase, Susie M. Moon, Fannie A. Moon Lizzie E. Moon.

JEWETTS SCHOOL.

1st term. Vira C. Page. 2nd term. Vira C. Page.

HOYT SCHOOL.

1st term. Chester F. Hoyt. 2nd term. Nettie Hoyt.

MELVIN'S SCHOOL.

1st & 2nd terms. Florence B. Andrews.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

Primary department, 1st term. Mattie B. Day, Fannie M. Farrar, Clarence E. Bailey, Joseph Garfoli, Harry L. Holmes, Arthur W. Tappan. 2nd term: Ida M. Eaton, Fannie M. Farrar. 3d term: Stella L. Blood, Mary S. Sawtell, Joseph Garfoli

Grammar department. 1st term: Herman M. Blaisdell, 2nd term: Charles B. Abbott, Harlon P. Morse, Leon Morse 3d term: Charles B. Abbott, Albert M. Blaisdell, Herman M. Blaisdell, Fred M. Jones, George A. Marshall, Harlon P. Morse, Leon M. Morse, Thomas Sargent, Annie F. Smith.

During the school at the plain Eva L. Gillingham, Flora E. Bean, and Charlie E. Wells did not miss a word in spelling, and Maud M. Gillingham only one word. 2nd term: Eva L. Gillingham, Minnie B. Peaslee, Flora E. Bean, and Charles E. Wells did not miss a word in spelling, and maud M. Gillingham only one word. In Hoyt school Minnie B. Peaslee did not miss in spelling.

Report of Committee of Union District.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

During the year this school has had the services of good teachers. The examination at the close of each term has been excellent.

The spring term was taught by Miss Flanders. She proved an efficient teacher, and the committee would have gladly secured her services for a long period, but she accepted another posistion, much to the regret of pupils and parents.

The fall term was taught by Mr. A. P. Howe Mr. Howe was an experienced teacher, and he brought to the school the record of past success and an efficient scholarship. His elucidation of problems he made clear to the dullest apprehension. The school made good progress, especially in mathematics and rhetorical exercises. The examination clearly showed that the scholars knew what they were about. The term had smaller attendance than usual, and if all that was desirable was not accomplished, the lack may be assigned to want of inclination on the part of some of the pupils, rather than to a lack of assistance rendered.

The winter term was taught by Mr. J. H. Johnson. He possessed the desirable quality of a good teacher, "aptness to teach," and being a good disciplinarian he met with very good success with his large school. The examination at the close of the school was very good indeed.

In this school, the highest grade in town, much really needs to be done to place it in the position it should occupy. The school room needs many repairs, and many of the text books in use are incorrect and behind the times. If we are satisfied fo trudge on BEHIND all others, keep in use what others have long since discarded, we must expect to fail of the best results.

J. H. GANNETT, Committee.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Addie A. Cheney, Teacher.

Mrs. Cheney has had charge of this deportment the entire year. It is highly gratifying to all who are interested in educating our youth, to note the tendency in this district to keep those teachers to the front who are qualified by nature and acquirements for their high calling, Next to home influences, for good (when rightly managed) that comes within the universal reach of the youth of our land.

Mrs. Cheney's reputation and efficiency as an educator is too well known to require any words from me. I cannot forbear however, to express my conviction that her intercourse with this school has been profitable in a pecuniary point of view, agreeable and pleasing in its social relations, and most salutary as view fromed the highest moral stand-point.

No mother could be more tenderly solicitous for the comfort and convenience of her little ones, than she manifested for the welfare of her pupils.

Parents, you have done much toward furnishing the youth with the means of acquiring a thorough, practical education, "but one thing thou lackest" Go sell the old superannuated text books, which are as much out of place in the school-houses of to-day, as a sod hoe in the hands of a gardener, and replace them with the best and most practical works the market affords.

Elect men to look after your school interest who are neither radicals in favor of "any thing for a change" nor case-hardened against every thing which deviates from the beaten track of our forefathers. Let there be a fair understanding between the Board of Education ot the town district, and the Superintending Committee of Union District, on this vital question of text books. Throw prejudice to the four winds, and look at this question from a business stand-point, as you would the matter of tools or machinery for your farms or work shops; ask yourselves which will pay the best dividends, rather than inquire what can be had for the lowest possible outlay.

It is important that the same text books be used in the Union District, that are used in the Town District. Any citizen of the town is liable to move into the limits of Union Dis. or out of said limits; and in either case, if there is not a uniformity of text books in use, the result will either be a chaos of books in the schools, or an unnecessary outlay for new books.

I desire to call the attention of the citizens to another topic connected with the subject of schools, and that is the feasibility of a State law requiring towns to purchase text books for the use of the public schools, governed by wholsome rules and regulations touching the damage or abuse of such books by the pupils. It would seem that the Board of Education, or the proper officer, could purchase the books cheaper in lots to to supply the town, than parents could purchase single Vols- for.

And in regard to paying for the books by assessing a tax, such a course seems to me to be just and equitable; as schools are a public institution, the expense of their maintainance should be adjusted in the same way as other public expenses.

I cannot conceive why books should be paid for by private disbursement any more than maps, charts, globes, or even fuel and shelter, which no one will contend should be paid for from individual funds. The advantages to be derived from this system are manifest: first, uniformity text books; second, cheapness; third, a universal distribution of books, no pupil would be without a full and complete equipment, since people are so jealous of their rights, touching any thing to be paid for by public tax; the embarrassment of those in indigent circumstances, resulting from the operations of the present law, would be avoided.

There is no possible way of reaching a proper adjustment of this matter except through the ballot-box, and no way of reaching the ballot-box except by interesting the people. Let no partizan feeling enter into the consideration of this matter, and no morbid prejudice warp your judgment. No subject is more vital to your best interests, or more deserving of your candid consideration.

A. P. HOWE, Committee.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Name of school-house.	No. of term.	Teacher.	Weeks of School.	No. of pupils.	Average No. pupils belonging to the school.	Per cent. of daily atendance.	Average attendance.	Honor Roll.	School Board Visits.	Other Visits.	Wages with board.
Centre	1st	Annie C. Smith	7	19	15	13	.8666	0	2	25	$24.00
Centre	2nd	Effie F. McLaren	8	30	27	24	.9100	5	3	22	28.00
West	1st	Clara J. Nichols	7	13	13	12	.9230	8	1	3	18.00
Massassecum	1st	Ida C. Davis	7	8	8	8	1.000	5	2	14	16.00
Massassecum	2nd	Mary C. Smith	8	14	13	13	.9500	4	2	13	20.00
Plain	1st	Effie S. Johnson	7	8	7	6	.8571	1	1	1	47.00
Plain	2nd	Effie S. Johnson	10	9	8	7	.8750	1	1	10	18.00
Andrews	1st	Marian F. Davis	7	6	6	6	1.000	5	2	7	16.00
Andrews	2nd	" "	8	8	8	8	1.000	1	1	3	18.00
Springs	1st	May C. Smith	8	11	11	11	1.000	8	2	18	19.00
Jewett's	1st	Jennie I. Clogston	7	6	6	5	.8333	1	2	7	16.00
Jewett's	2nd	" "	8	5	5	5	1.000	1	2	2	18.00
Hoyt	1st	Maritta Ewins	8	7	7	5	.7142	1	3	12	20.00
Hoyt	2nd	Ernest C. Currier	12	12	10	9	.9000	1	4	30	36.00

UNION DISTRICT NO. 1.

	No. of term.	Teacher.	Weeks of School.	No. of pupils.	Average No. pupils belonging to the school.	Per cent. of daily attendance.	Average attendance.	Honor Roll.	School Board Visits.	Other Visits.	Wages with board.
Grammar Department.	1st	Mrs. Addie A. Cheney	9	29	26	24	.9238	7	4	35	$32.00
	2nd	" " " "	10	26	25	23	.9200	3	3	34	32.00
	3d	" " " "	10	20	17	15	.8823	3	5	24	32.00
Primary Department..	1st	Avis J. Flanders....	9	17	13	12	.9230	1	4	25	32.00
	2nd	A. P. Howe.....	9	26	24	22	.9166	3	4	12	40.00
	3d	James H. Johnson	10	38	36	27	.7500	11	5	50	44.00

Respectfully Submitted,

George B. Andrews,
Daniel G. Peaslee,
Charles F. Davis,
} School Board.

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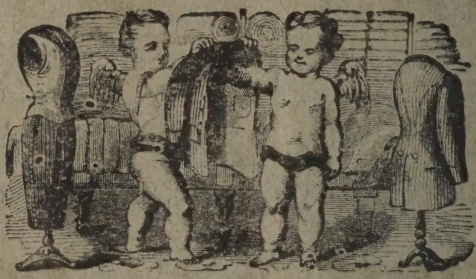

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